



**The Company Journal**  
**and "The Feederline"**

*Fire Department News*  
*Cambridge, Massachusetts*  
*A Class 1 Fire Department*

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*From the desk of*  
*Chief Gerald R. Reardon*

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## **October – Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2013**

### **"Prevent Kitchen Fires"—that's the message of this year's Fire Prevention Week**

From October 6-12, we'll be spreading the word that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home—and we'll help teach people how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place.

NFPA offers the following fire safety tips:

- If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from the stovetop.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

### **What's New**

**Email Distribution List** – The last few issues of the Company Journal that were distributed via email, (almost immediately) returned – or “bounced back” approximately 50 emails as “undeliverable.” If you received the Company Journal electronically, (or wish to) have you updated your email address with us recently? If you wish to receive the Company Journal via email (or you haven't been receiving it via email) please send a current email address to [hsmith@cambridgefire.org](mailto:hsmith@cambridgefire.org) to be included in the current distribution list.

**Engine 2 and Ladder 3** - The new Engine 2 and Ladder 3 were delivered to the city the last week of July. However, after being delivered, they were being stored at the Motor Squad and they were damaged in a fire that took place there on September 3, 2013. Their condition is being checked by Pierce officials to determine the amount of damage they sustained. For more information on the fire, please see the “All Companies Working.”



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### **All Companies Working**

**June 27, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 4 Alarm fire, Box 341, 106 Walnut Street** – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 were dispatched to cover in Teele Square on the Working Fire. They were diverted to the fire along with Division 1 and Squad 2 on the second alarm. Engine 4 also responded to the fire. A gas fed fire in the basement of a three-story, six-family traveled the walls. Also operating at the fire were C15/Lt. M. Wood as a safety officer,

**July 7, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 5+ Alarms, 21 Mansfield Street** – Engine 2 provided station coverage at Boston Engine 33 during their fire involving several buildings on Mansfield Street.

**July 8, 2013 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 3561, 808 Memorial Drive** – Workers ignited a fire in an old dryer vent on the roof. Companies opened up and used a hi-rise pack from the 10<sup>th</sup> floor to ensure the smoldering fire was fully extinguished.

**July 10, 2013 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 7861, Matignon High School, Matignon Road** – The ECC received a call for smoke in the auditorium. On arrival, companies found a smoke condition inside the school. Further investigation revealed a curtain in the stage area that was actively smoldering. Curtain was removed to the exterior and ventilation set up.

**July 11, 2013 – Working Fire, Box 627, 19 Forest Street** – A box was struck by fire alarm for the odor of smoke in the basement. Companies on scene encountered a fire in the ceiling of a basement apartment which extended to the first floor. Companies opened walls and ceilings and lines were stretched. All occupants were evacuated. Fire was quickly knocked down.

**July 12, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Working Fire, Somerville, Box 242, 25 Lewis Street** – Engine 5, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire and assisted in overhaul until dismissed by command. Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square.

**July 18, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Working Fire, Somerville, Box 428, College Ave** – Engine 4 and Ladder 1 covered Teele Square during Somerville's fire.

**July 19, 2013 – Mutual Aid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Somerville, Box 4171, 46-48 Belmont Street** – Engine 4, Engine 5, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to the fire on the second alarm. Ladder 1 covered Teele Square.

**July 19, 2013 – Mutual Aid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Somerville, Box 232, 27 Lake Street** – During the incident above, Cambridge Ladder 1, Boston Engine 32 and a covering Somerville Deputy were dispatched to a reported basement fire. On arrival, Somerville C-4 ordered a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm and Ladder 1 completed primary searches on the floors above the fire while the Boston Engine stretched into the basement. Engine 4, Engine 5, Squad 4 and Division 2 also responded from the first incident.

**July 22, 2013 – Rescue, Kendall Square MBTA station** – An elderly female fell onto the tracks in the Kendall Square MBTA station in the path of an oncoming train. Engine 2, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Tactical Rescue, Squad 2 and Division 1 worked to remove her from under the train. Although she had severe lower extremity injuries, she was transported to a Boston hospital.

**July 25, 2013 – Mutual Aid, 7 Alarms, Somerville, Box 241, 25 Calvin Street** – Ladder 1, Engine 4, Engine 5, Squad 2, Division 2 responded. Two buildings involved initially that spread to two more.

**July 26, 2013 – Mutual Aid, 3 Alarms, Brookline, Box 455, 81 Spooner Road** – 2.5 story wood frame fully involved. Ladder 1, Squad 2, Division 2 to the fire, Engine 9 covered Engine 1.

**August 10, Haz-Mat, 45 Market Street** – A resident struck a gas meter while parking. Ladder 3 was able to turn off the gas. Nearby houses were evacuated and checked.

**August 12, Haz-Mat, 195 Concord Turnpike** – Construction workers severed a large gas pipe outside. N-Star responded and turned off the leak.

**August 13, Mutual Aid, Somerville 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm, Box 425, 19 Banks Street** – Heavy fire in a 3 story wood frame, exposure

**August 17, Haz-Mat, Inman St at Mass Ave**, 10+ gallons hydraulic fluid from garbage truck when the hydraulic hose burst. Product did leak into a nearby storm drain. All proper environmental companies were notified.

**August 18, Mutual Aid, Somerville W/F, Box 414 Belmont Street** – A front porch fire extended to floor 2. Engine 4 and Ladder 1 covered Somerville Engine 6 and Ladder 3 at Teele Square quarters

**August 21, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 5+ Alarms, 410 W. Broadway, church fire** – Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered Boston Engine 33/Ladder 15 due to the 5th alarm

**August 23, 2013 – 2 Alarm Fire, Box 693, 45 Bellevue Ave** – Engine 8 and Ladder 4 arrived to a fire in a 3 story wood frame. Captain Brogan requested the W/F, followed by a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm ordered by Division 2.

**August 24, 2013 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 284, 48 Norfolk Street** –Trash container on fire in the rear of a 3 story brick multi-family



*Matt Cadwallader took this photo of Engine 1 operating at a Car Fire in Harvard Square in August 2013. (Group 4, Lieutenant Chuck Lowe & FF Brian Peebles on the hose line. FF John McEachern was manning the pump)*

**August 27, 2013 – Mutual Aid Somerville, Box 3113, 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm 34 Highland Ave** – Engine 5, Engine 9, Squad 2 and Division 2 responded to the fire. Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square.

**August 28, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 73, 94 Bromfield Road** – Mutual Aid to Somerville Ladder 1 and Engine 4 to cover on the Working Fire. Engine 4 and Squad 4 dispatched to fire on 2nd Alarm 85 Bromfield Road. Division 2 while responding to the Bromfield Road diverted to a “loom-up of smoke” and arrived first due to 319 Summer Street finding an auto fully involved extended to a 2 1/2 frame. Division 2 ordered a second alarm. Engine 5, Engine 9, Ladder 1 and Squad 2 were sent to the second fire and operated.

**August 28, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 425, 319 Summer Street** – Cambridge Div 2 found a car fire extending to a house. See above narrative for explanation.

**September 3, 2013 – Working Fire, Box 91, 100 Smith Place** – A truck fire inside the CFD Maintenance shop caused extensive heat and smoke damage throughout the building. DFC Brian Gover had smoke showing from the roof on arrival and ordered the Working Fire. Ladder 5 (former Ladder 1) was completely destroyed in the fire and is believed to be the origin of the fire. At the time of the early morning fire, the shop was unstaffed but the new Engine 2 and Ladder 3 also received heavy smoke damage.

**September 5, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 693, 8 Wyman Road** - Fire on the rear deck of a single family. 2.5 story wood frame house. The fire was extending up the rear under the shingle siding. Companies extinguished the visible fire and then opened up the exterior to expose and extinguish the remaining fire.

**September 5, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 274, 181 Mass Ave** – Construction crews cutting on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of a building under construction ignited debris on fire on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Fire was quickly extinguished once crews gained access

**September 9, 2013 – Mutual Aid, 296 Beacon Street, Somerville** – Box 263 transmitted for a building collapse. Division 1, Engine 5 and Squad 2 responded but were returned by the Somerville Incident Commander.

**September 13, 2013 – Rescue, Charles River** – Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> turned out rather unlucky for 22 passengers and a driver of a sightseeing “duck boat” in the Charles River. Engine 3 responded for an extinguished fire and found a duck boat stuck on a rock near the exit ramp from the river. A box was struck and Marine 1 responded as well as a boat from the MSP to evacuate the passengers to the nearby dock.

**September 17, 2013 - Mutual Aid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Somerville 486 Medford Street** - Engine 4, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire. Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square to cover. Engine 4 assigned as RIT. Squad 2 and Division 1 assisted with checking for fire extension on floors 2 & 3.

**September 18, 2013 – Rescue/Tech Rescue, 2 Mt Auburn Street** – Workers in a construction lift working outside the building were stranded due to mechanical problems. A high angle rescue operation was begun while Tower Ladder 2 was requested. The workers were ultimately removed into the bucket of Ladder 2.



Photo by E. Morrissey

**September 18, 2013 - Mutual Aid, Somerville, Working Fire, Box 436, 102 Morrison Ave –** Engine 4 to cover SFD Headquarters and Ladder 1 covered at Teele Square.

**September 19, 2013 – Rescue, Third and Binney Street -** A construction worker fell 20 feet at a construction site and landed on the 4th floor. The patient was removed via Tower Ladder 2 and transported ALS to a local Trauma Center.

**September 23, 2013 – Pedestrian Accident, Alewife Brook Parkway –** A pedestrian was struck by a car and transported with serious injuries. The victim later passed away due to her injuries.

**September 26, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 571 Mass. Ave –** On scene in the early morning, companies found a closed restaurant charged with smoke. Engine 6 and Engine 2 both stretched into the building where they found a stove left on with contents on fire.

**September 26, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Box 226, 27 Dickinson St -** Engine 5 and Division 1 responded to Somerville on the line box, established a water supply and deck gun operation. Engine 5 operated a big line in the rear of the building. Engine 4 responded on the 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm and operated another line off Engine 5 with Squad 2. Ladder 1 covered Teele Square.

### ***This month in History***

September 23, 1999 - Instead of orbiting, the \$328 million Mars Climate Orbiter burns up in the Martian atmosphere because Lockheed Martin used Imperial measurements, not metric. (Little things matter)

September 28, 1960 – Ted Williams takes the plate at Fenway Park for his last at bat and hits his 521<sup>st</sup> homerun.

October 1, 1788 – Former Edinburgh Town Councilor and burglar Deacon William, brags to the crowd that the gallows on which he is about to be hanged – incorporating a new trapdoor of his own design – is the most efficient ever made.

### **Out and About**

**Local 30 Golf Outing for MDA – Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine Co. 5)** would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Cambridge Local 30 Golf Outing. Despite the excessive heat, they had over 125 golfers participate. It was a great event for a great cause and he is very proud to announce that they raised approximately \$11,000 for the MDA. He would like to acknowledge and give thanks to our two very special MDA guests of honor and their families, Luke Dillion and Macarthur Sohl. Also, thank you to **Bill Hugh (Ladder Co. 2 Retired)**, **Assistant Chief Gerry Mahoney, FF Jim Encalada (Ladder Co. 2)**, and MDA staff members Vanessa & Jessica for helping throughout the event. The Grand Prize Raffle Winner was **FF Ian Moynihan** - 1 book of \$5 Scratch Tickets. Photos are available on the "S" Drive in the Photo Gallery folder. I can't emphasize enough that our success in this event, past events, future events, and also our boot drives are only possible because of the great support and participation from our membership!



**Capt. Jack Clark (Ladder 3-Retired), FF Ed Friel (Engine 4), DFC John Cotter Division 2 and Lt. Ron Ring, (Engine 6 Retired)**



**FF Shawn Burke (Ladder 2), FF Michael Lencki (Ladder 2), Lt. Steve Lawless (Ladder 2) and Steve's father, Joe Lawless**



Photo by Lt. Brandon Hugh

**Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine 5), FF Adam Shuman (Engine 3), and FF Jack McMahon (Engine 3) with MDA summer campers Joey and Justin.**



Engine 2 held a station tour in August 2013 – L-R Lt. Ron Gomes, FFOP Charles Stuart, FF Meg Carrigan, FF J.T. Pasquarello



Photo by Tara Bithia

**Lt. Pat Haggerty (Truck No.3)** shows some future firefighters some equipment at Danehy Park Day on 21 September 2013. Assisting are **FF S. Milliken** and **FFOP Charles Stewart**.

## Canobie Lake Day

From Canobie Lake Day Director, **FF Mike Dwyer**:

The Annual Cambridge Firefighters Local 30 Canobie Lake Day was held on August 14th this year. We had another good showing with roughly 250 members, families, and friends in attendance. I think for the first time in recent years we had an absolutely perfect day weather wise. It wasn't too hot for a change. Everyone had a great time again this year.

The event couldn't happen without the help of a few people. I would like to thank Canobie Lake for again hosting us; **Lt. Matt Wood** for doing the shopping for all the prizes and being the master of ceremonies again; **Lt. Jim Drewicz** for the design of the t-shirts; and **Glenn Turner** for assisting once again with the ordering and production of the t-shirts; **Cambridge Firefighters Federal Credit Union** for their donation to the event; **Chief Reardon** for showing his support and being in attendance with his family as always; **Cambridge Firefighters Local 30** for all of their cooperation & support every year for the event; and lastly, all of you for coming out and making the day a huge success year in and year out. Without all of you we couldn't make it happen. It is the one day a year we can all get together with our families and have a great time.

Thank You & See you next year!

**FF Michael Dwyer**  
Ladder Co. 1, Group 1



Photo by Bridget Lopez

Marcia Lopez , Wife of **Steve Lopez (M-3 Motor Squad)** and mother of **Dan Lopez (M-4 Motor Squad)**



Photo by Bridget Lopez

Cambridge Strong T-shirts for this years Canobie Lake day,  
designed by **Lt. Jim Drewicz (Rescue 1)**

**On September 11, 2013**, Members from Headquarters held a brief ceremony to mark the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93.

**DFC Ed Mahoney (Division 1)** led the service with the members along with other city staff.



Photos by Glenn Turner (Tech Services)



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On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the department also received some beautiful white flowers courtesy of the sister of **Phil Paris**.



**Phil Paris** was a member of the department until he passed away from occupational cancer. Paula shared that she was recently in Martha's Vineyard for a family wedding. She carried Phil's dress hat and badge during the ceremony. Thank you Paula for remembering us and Phil! Once a part of the Cambridge family, always a part of the Cambridge family!

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**Somerville Training** - Rescue Co. 1, Group 4 joined with Somerville Firefighters on August 15, 2013 for a training session with the riggers from Cavalia Odyseeo at Assembly Square in Somerville. Cavalia is a spectacular production created by Cirque du Soleil co-founder, Normand Latourelle, and is similar to Cirque for the way it utilizes equestrian and performing arts and over 100 horses during the performance.



Photo by COO G. Mahoney



Photo by FF A. Moustafa

Group 3 did some auto extrication at Phils Towing in August 2013  
**L-R, DFC Leonard, FF Keefe, FF R. Sullivan, Lt Drewicz, FFOP Boyle and FF Ramos**

## 2013/2014 Cambridge Fire Hockey Season

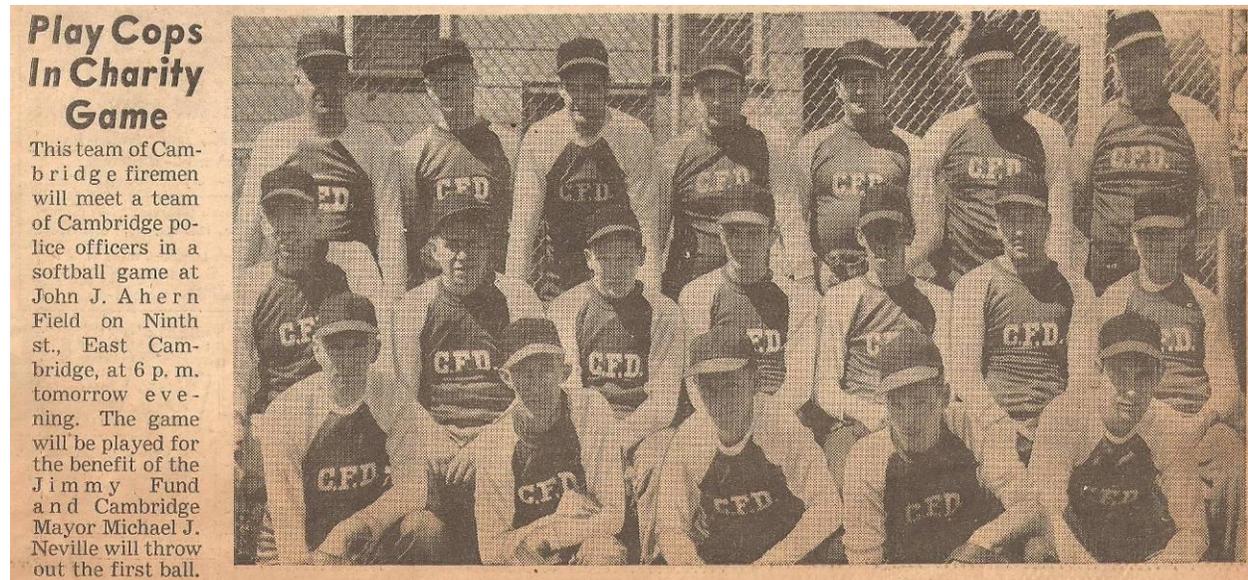
**September 23<sup>rd</sup> game update** – vs. Max Power @ Cambridge Fire - 1040pm Kasabuski Arena - Saugus (**Won 8-3**), **Rick Feliciano** started the scoring off with 2 goals and was helped out by 3 goals by **JT Pasquarello**, 2 goals by Danny Burroso CPD, and a goal by **Ameer Moustafa**. The win was credited to **Goalie Brandon Hugh**.

October 7th - Five Minute Majors @ Cambridge Fire - 910pm Allied Veterans Memorial Rink - Everett

October 14th - Max Power @ Cambridge Fire - 800pm Allied Veterans Memorial Rink - Everett

More games will be scheduled sometime in October. Just a reminder that you can follow the CFD Hockey web page with a link off of the Cambridge Firefighters Local 30 page, or on twitter @CambFireHockey.

## From the Archives



**Cambridge Fire Baseball Team circa 1949**

**Paul Mahoney, Sr.** is in the middle row, far left – Father of **Lt. Paul Mahoney (Ladder 3)** and **Chief of Operations Gerard Mahoney**. **Ernest Gelinas** is in the front row, far right – father of **Chief of Operations Jack Gelinas - Retired**

Thanks to Lt. Paul Mahoney (Ladder 3) for submitting the newspaper clippings.

**The Cambridge Tab, June 1982** – had an article about the police and fire budget and the scrutiny it received. Both departments lobbied for no layoffs and the “hot button issues” of FY 1983 were “unlimited sick leave” by the Police Department and the fact that the Fire Department employed 14 Deputy Fire Chiefs, which some Councillors thought excessive.

What really caught our eye was the article about “*Will DNA Research bring jobs to Cambridge?*” Remember, at the time, there were only three known “Bio-tech companies” in Cambridge. BioTechnica in North Cambridge, Biogen in East Cambridge and the Whitehead Institute which was at the time looking for a home near Kendall Square. A quick search shows there are at least 65 established Bio-tech companies in Cambridge now which does not include the smaller, subcontracted research.

Fire Archives - This fire in Inman Square fire was Box 3-41 on 17 April 1995. The address was 1297 – 1309 Cambridge Street. The photos and information was provided by **FF John Hathaway (L-2)**.

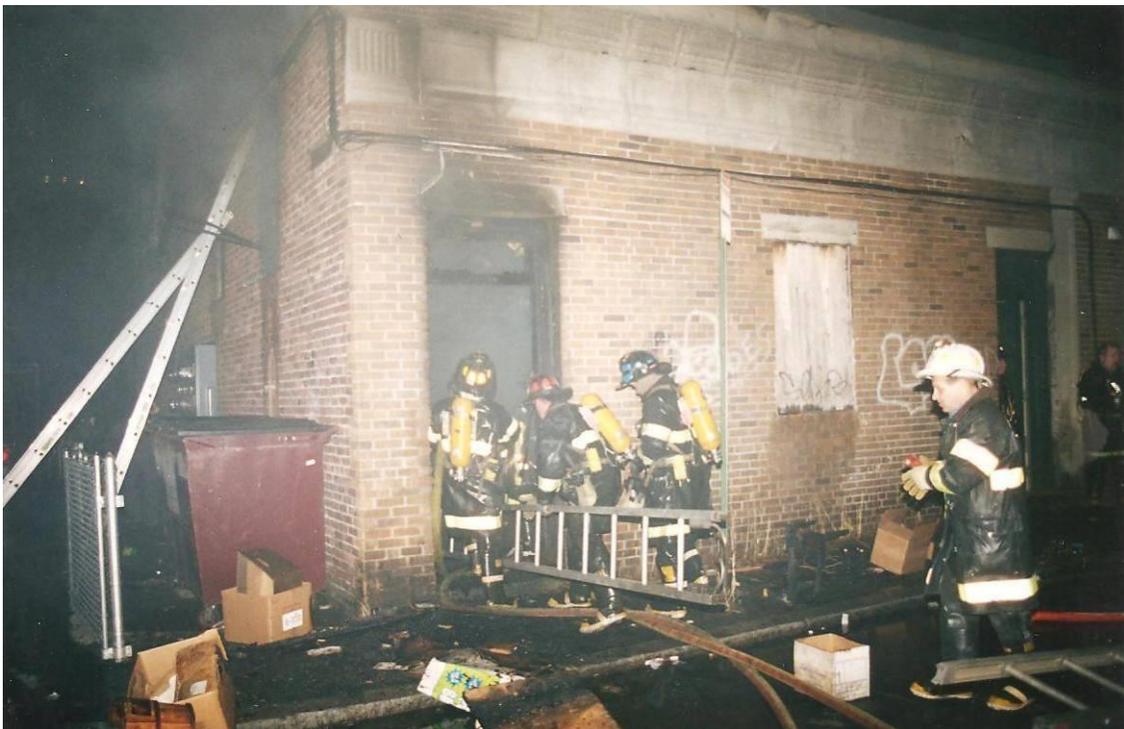


Photo courtesy of J. Hathaway

**Captain P. DeMaio – Engine 9, Retired** (then as Acting Deputy Fire Chief)



Photo courtesy of J. Hathaway

**Aide to Chief of Department Fred Sage - Retired** (then a firefighter on Ladder 2)



The “Cambridge Windshield” was one of many aftermarket options available for true open cab apparatus in the early part of the 1900’s to protect the driver and passenger. There is no confirmation that this is named after our department – but often when departments ordered certain options – those options would often receive the name of the department that liked it. For instance, Springfield, Massachusetts often ordered a certain type of body style which came to be known as “Springfield Bodies.” This advertisement was from date? And the dealer was from nearby Arlington, MA so it is possible.

## Through the Lantern Lens



### Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

**Headquarters, 491 Broadway** - Looking around many cities in New England, many of the fire stations are old enough and herald back to the days of horse drawn apparatus. Cambridge is no different.

Current Cambridge stations that horses responded from are: Engines 2, Engine 4, Engine 6, Engine 8 and Engine 9. Engine 5 was the first house built for motor drawn apparatus followed by Headquarters and Engine 3. It just so happens that the year 2014 will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the “newer” Cambridge stations – the current Headquarters building at 491 Broadway.

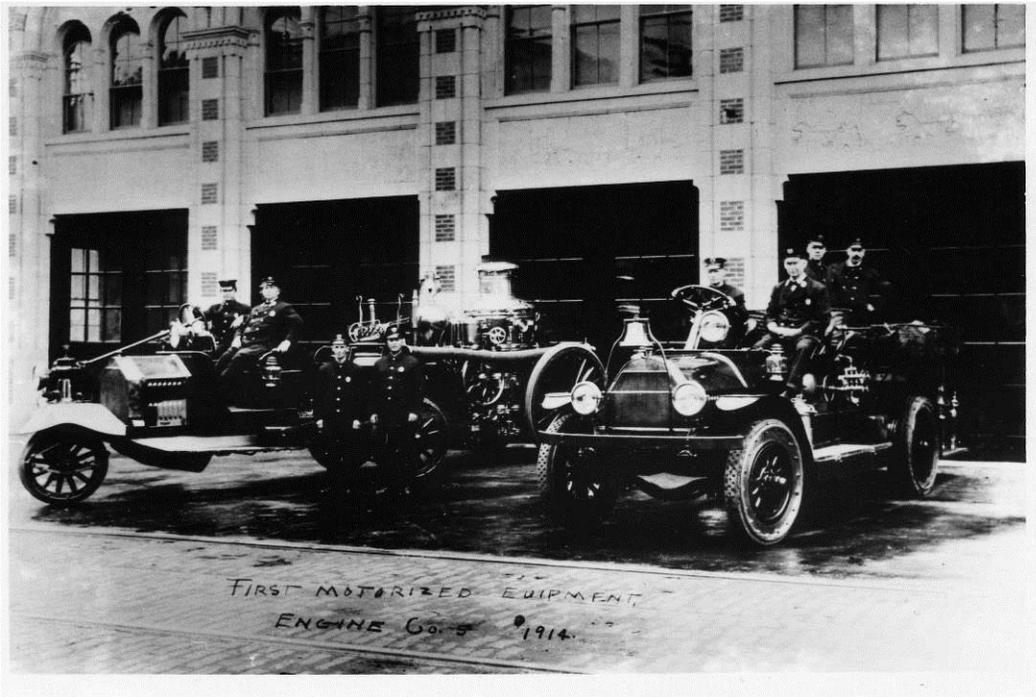
According to an article in the Cambridge Chronicle, Friday March 2, 1934 – one hundred firemen marched from Inman Square to a dedication ceremony under the direction of Fire Chief Cutler Vose and Mayor Russell held at the opening of the new station. The cost to build it was \$162,000 on land donated by Harvard University via a land swap.

At the time, the station was state of the art. It had 22 miles of electrical wiring and a new fire alarm system consisting of 16 circuits. Upon the sounding of an alarm, the front doors would open and a traffic light would turn red, stopping vehicle traffic. Exterior windows were equipped with steel shutters and water curtains should a large fire break out nearby.



Photo courtesy of DFC E. Morrissey

Going back even further, 100 years back to 1914 - Cambridge purchased its first motorized equipment a 1914 Knox three wheeled pumper which was assigned to Engine 5. The Inman Square Station will be 100 years old in 2014. By 1921 all of the horses were gone and replaced with motorized equipment (except a reserve combination hose and chemical wagon that was used as a spare until the 1930's.)



### **Firefighter Paul Finnegan**

As you may be aware, FF Paul Finnegan of Ladder 4, Group 2 was involved in a bad motorcycle accident outside of Syracuse, NY on Sunday July 21, 2013. His injuries resulted in the amputation of his lower left leg. Paul is in excellent spirits and has been discharged from Upstate University Medical Center in Syracuse. He will be staying with his brother in Syracuse while he recovers from his injuries.

He has a long road ahead of him and he has asked me to let members know he is grateful for your thoughts, prayers and best wishes.

He would enjoy hearing from department members at [pjfinn8582@comcast.net](mailto:pjfinn8582@comcast.net)

We will continue to periodically update his progress.

**Signal 10-15**

**Special Signal 10-15** The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Fire Fighter on Probation Kevin O'Boyle of Engine Co. 5.**

FFOP O'Boyle was appointed to the department on June 2, 2013.



**From Chief of Department Gerald Reardon:** This past week has been extremely difficult for the Cambridge Fire Department, it has been one of the worst for me personally since becoming Chief.

We had FFOP Kevin O'Boyle for only a short time and many of you did not have the chance to meet him. If you did you understood he had an infectious personality and he became very close to his fellow crew members at East Cambridge.

Kevin previously was a member of the Salem Fire Department for five years where they hated to see him leave.

Kevin served proudly as a member of the United States Army in both Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. He was a decorated member who was a hero although he did not think of himself as such.

There were numerous members of the Army and Army National Guard at Kevin's wake and funeral who served with him.

More than one told us of how they would not be here that day if it was not for Kevin O' Boyle actions in combat.

Kevin returned from both conflicts, however he lost the final battle with the traumatic issues he dealt with from those horrific experiences.

Kevin's mother told me that Kevin's dream was to become a Cambridge Firefighter, I am so happy that he was able to fulfill that dream although it be for such a short time.

I want you to know that the large presence of members this Department was deeply appreciated beyond words.

Your presence and that of the Salem Fire Department, Peabody and others helped the O'Boyle family to somehow persevere through this devastating event.

The apparatus and the Cambridge/ Salem flag arch with the members at attention on the bridge over 128 was a moving sight for all, but one which the O'Boyle family will never forget.

I was as always extremely proud to be your Chief and wanted to know how sincerely important your participation was these past two days.

Thank you again

**From Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney:**

All Members,

The family of Firefighter on Probation Kevin J. O'Boyle has asked me to convey their deepest thanks for the tremendous show of support during this past difficult week.

The large turnout of members; both active and retired was very touching for his family and loved ones.

While Kevin was with us for a very brief time, it is safe to say he touched the lives of many members of this department, and has left a lasting impression. The members of the Salem Fire Department were also touched by the strong showing of Cambridge Firefighters.

Your actions bring credit to this department and this city. You have shown we are indeed Cambridge Strong!

On behalf of Chief Reardon, Assistant Chief Burns and myself,

Thank you – Asst. Chief G. Mahoney

**Condolences to:**

**Deputy Fire Chief Edward F. Mahoney (Division 1)** on the passing of his Brother,

William "Billy" Mahoney in July

**Lt. Thomas Kotowski Eng. 8 and Lt. John Kotowski Lad. 1** on the passing of their mother,

Mrs. Florence Kotowski

Also Wife of **F.F. Stanley Kotowski (Retired)**,  
Mother of **D.C. Stanley Kotowski (Retired)**,  
**Captain Robert Kotowski (Retired)**

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**New Employee**

**General Order Number 18, Series of 2013**

Effective Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 0700 hours:

The following member is appointed as a Firefighter-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department:

**Timothy Norton III**

He is assigned to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy for 9 weeks of Recruit Firefighter Training.



Photo by COO J. Gelinias - Retired

**FFOP Norton** already learning the trade at the Fire Academy in September 2013

## Promotions and Transfers

### **General Order No. 19, Series of 2013**

Effective, Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 0700 hours:

**Lt. Charles Anderson** from Engine Company No. 2 to Acting Captain Engine Co. 4  
**Lt. Philip Arsenault** from Squad No. 2 to Acting Captain Engine Co. No. 1  
**Lt. Paul Marinelli** Fire Prevention to Acting Captain Fire Prevention  
**FF Brian Joyce** from Ladder Company No. 3 to Acting Lieutenant Squad No. 2  
**FF Daniel Lewicki** from Ladder Company No. 2 to Acting Lieutenant Engine Co. 2

**Capt. Lawrence M. Brogan** from Engine Company No. 4 to Fire Headquarters  
**Capt. Gregory M. Carter** from Squad No. 4 to Training Division, ALS Coordinator  
**Capt. Raymond Vaillancourt** from Engine Co. No. 1 to Squad No. 4  
**FF David Garcia** from Engine Co. 9 to Fire Headquarters  
**FF David George** from Engine Co. 3 to Fire Headquarters  
**FF Francis Judd** from Technical Services to Fire Headquarters

### **General Order No. 20, Series of 2013**

The following Firefighters on Probation (F.F.O.P.) have reached the status of Firefighter effective, September 16, 2013 at 0700 hours:

**Jonathan M. Blinn**  
**Paul M. Burke Jr.**  
**Gregory W. Kirylo**

## Retirements

### **General Order No. 21, Series of 2013**

Effective October 6, 2013 at 0700 hours, **Firefighter Edmund J. Friel Jr.** will retire from the Cambridge Fire Department.

Firefighter Edmund Friel Jr. was appointed on **March 17, 1985**.

<b>May 5, 1985</b>	<b>Rescue Company No. 1</b>
<b>March 10, 1991</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 5</b>
<b>January 5, 1992</b>	<b>Rescue Company No. 1</b>
<b>January 3, 1993</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 2</b>
<b>August 18, 2002</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 1</b>
<b>March 9, 2003</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 4</b>
<b>October 14, 2007</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 9</b>

Firefighter Friel Jr. has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge. We wish Firefighter Friel Jr. much happiness and good health in his retirement.

## Tradition

The fire service is steeped in tradition especially in the northeast region of the United States. A few members have recently voiced their concern about some of these traditions slipping away over the last fifteen years. There was some debate about it, and as usual there was not full agreement among those at the firehouse kitchen table. One member even questioned the importance of the subject so perhaps it's worth further discussion.

We know the definition of tradition, but why is it important? Tradition tells us who we are as a department and who we are as individual firefighters. Being a firefighter does not simply mean you are an employee of the fire department, there is greater depth to our position than that. Being a firefighter means something. It means something deeper to the public and it should mean something deeper to you. We don't arrive at work and do what we think we should do, we do what over a century of tradition tells us we should do. Perhaps a few examples are in order.

**Funerals.** It seems the importance of young firefighters being encouraged to attend the funerals of our retirees has faded a bit. Whether we ever knew the retired firefighter who passed away or not is irrelevant, we should have a good showing of support. Our support for each other and our families should be unending. By having young firefighters who show support at a funeral, it has a very powerful emotional impact on the family. It is a sign of respect for decades of honorable service for a man who did the same job that we do every day. How do you think your family would feel decades from now at your funeral if there was a good showing of young men who were there as a sign of respect and support?

**Fire talk.** Tactical talk in the firehouse has decreased in recent years causing concern among a few senior members. An officer with many years on the job said to me once that he watched the same fire happen in two cities. The fire in Cambridge was extinguished very well while the other city lost the building. It was an identical fire with a very different end result. What caused him concern was that he felt many of our young firefighters don't fully understand why our fire turned out so different. Our senior members won't be around forever and these young firefighters will be in charge some day. If older members aren't passing on their knowledge to our younger members, then we should try to pull that knowledge out of them. Ask questions. Their knowledge should not retire along with them; it needs to stay in the firehouse. Knowledge is power.

**Pride.** Are you proud of your job? Were you enthusiastic to get appointed to this job? How do you show it now? Were different ways to show pride passed on to you or encouraged? If it wasn't, it's time to pick up the ball and do so. There should never be a rusty tool on a piece of fire apparatus. Take it to the wire wheel and add some oil. Are the old brass fittings and adapters on the pump shined or are they weathered? How does the brass pole in the firehouse look? Is your company patch displayed anywhere? Do you take ownership of your company? These are just a few items that reflect our pride. If these values were not passed on to you as much as they should have, don't worry about it. Right the wrong now and take ownership of your job and your company. When you start doing some of these things you may be surprised that others will follow. Remember you do not have to be an officer to be a leader!!

In conclusion these are just a few examples of traditions that ought not fade away and deserve some thought. There isn't enough space here for the topic to be covered fully however it should be enough to provoke some thought. Change is the only constant but certain traditions should endure the test of time. The discussion is healthy regardless of your position on the subject. It's not always the content of what is being passed down but the concept that passing things down

is important. Have some introspection and be honest with yourself. The best time for improvement is now.

Look out for each other,

**Captain Frederick Ikels**  
**Engine Company #2**  
Lafayette Square

*(Editors note: We decided to include the following photo here along with Captain Ikels wisdom, instead of the with the usual "Out and About" photos. FF Joe O'Brien, took time out of his day to come back and visit the fire station showing a passion for the job that he had (and still has), and it shows that this is more than just a job – it's a family. Once a part of the family, always a part of the family.) This goes along with exactly what Captain Ikels says sometimes appears to be missing from the new generations.*

**FF Joe O'Brien, Engine 2 – retired**, stopped in Lafayette Square recently for a visit. He was on the job roughly from 1961-1986, where he was a member of Engine 2 for many of those years. The members enjoyed coffee and shared stories.



Photo courtesy of FF J. O'Brien -retired

**L-R, FF S. Burke, FF P. Mahoney, FF I. Moynihan, FF O'Brien-retired, Capt Ikels, FF J. Fournier, FFOP Matthew BF Davison and FF Paul Enos**

### Quotes of the Day

A rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher. – Thomas Huxley

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else. ~James Matthew Barrie

Don't waste time learning the "tricks of the trade." Instead, learn the trade. ~Attributed to both James Charlton and H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"There are few, if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient. Needed, also, are loyalty, sincerity, enthusiasm and team play." --William B. Given, Jr.

### Congratulations

To **Lieutenant Ken Cunningham (Engine Co. 6)** and wife Katina on the birth of their son, Jake Christos Cunningham in July 2013

To **George Fosque of the ECC** on his retirement in August 2013.

To **Firefighter Bob Crooker (Engine Co. 4)** and family on the birth of Jonathan Robert Crooker in August 2013

To **Firefighter Phil Chandler (Ladder Co. 1)** and his wife on the birth of their baby in September 2013

**Dan Lopez (Motor Squad - M4)** and his wife Andrea on the birth of their baby girl, Sabrina Carolina Lopez, on September 30, 2013

**DFC Frank Murphy (Division 2)** on his re-election to the Cambridge Retirement Board from October 2103 through October 2016

### Letters

***The following letter was received on May 15, 2013:***

Dear Cambridge Fire Department,

We, at the East Cambridge Health Center wanted to convey our great thanks to your for participating with us in our Health Fair this past Saturday, May 11, 2013. The Fire Truck #3 was a hit with all the kids but big and large! We enjoyed having you with us and appreciate the generous donation of your time and effort.

With Warm Regards,

Susan R. Swett, RN  
The Staff at the East Cambridge Health Center

***The following note was received on June 8:***

Dear Chief Reardon, My family and I would like to thank you and the Cambridge Fire Department for your inspiring participation in the dedication of Cremins Square on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The memory of seeing those firefighters standing at attention (in the heat), under that beautiful flag, for the entire ceremony is what we all carry with us always – it was truly humbling and inspiring – thank you to all.

Also, thank you for the gracious hospitality everyone showed to us afterward. For all the adults, we were transported back to our growing up years! And for the grandchildren (great grandchildren of the Cremins brothers) – they were thrilled and climbed on the trucks. They all want to be firefighters now!

As we honor the services of my Dad (Frank) and my uncles, may we also honor the services of everyone on the department. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Fondly, Kathleen (Cremins) & Walter Doyle and the Cremins family

***The following note was received on August 15:***

To Ladder 1 & Cambridge Fire Department,

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, we awoke to our house in Somerville on fire. Despite this terrible situation, we were so amazed by all of the firefighters courage, friendliness and extensive effort to squelch the fire and ensure our safety. So from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all that you did on that day and all you do every day in your job.

Kalli Vaughm, Carol Stolli and Danielle Glazer

***The following note was received on August 28:***

Gentlemen,

I'm afraid that I don't know the correct station to send this to, but I wanted to thank the team that responded to my 911 call early Saturday morning to Allston Street. My husband was bleeding very badly and the team arrived and took good care of him! Everyone did such a great job – from the person who answered my call to the person who moved all the furniture to clear the exit for the gurney. Jim needed 10 units of blood, 2 platelets and more plasma. Without your speedy, knowledgeable response, I don't think he would have made it.

Today he is in rehab, getting strong enough to come home. Thanks to all of you. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Jan Pope

The call taker was H. Perez from the ECC, Responding were **Squad 2: Lt. Brian Casey, FF Ian Moynihan; Engine 6 - Lt. Ken Cunningham, FF Paul Neal, FF Mike Coffman and FF Paul Burke** and Professional Ambulance.

***The following note was received on July 5:***

Dear Chief Reardon,

The Latson family is so very grateful for all the support and love we have received over these many years, but most especially during our brother Tim's passing.

As you know, Tim was the youngest of the five of us, but we believe he had the biggest heart and represented the best in us. One of Tim's proudest moments was his induction as a Cambridge firefighter and consequently, his retirement after twenty five years of service.

The final celebration for Tim, with Engine 8 leading the way was something so very special. We, his sisters, salute all the firefighters who served as honorary pallbearers and those who were able to attend Tim's service: **Firefighter Murphy Aquaro, Stephon Kinn, Ed Vincent, Richie Thorne, Colin Walsh, Kurt McLaughlin, Jeffery Turner, Donald Johnson, Lieutenant Robert Walsh, Paul Marinelli, Phil Arsenault** and **retired members Roger Johnson and Jeffery Ashe**. There may have been some that we missed but we extend our heartfelt "Thank you."

Our brother Timothy Latson Jr. was most proud to be part of your organization – a brother "jake." God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Annette Latson Bailey  
Janice Latson Daniels  
Denise Latson Janey  
Donna Latson Gittens

**Safety**

This photo could be filed under both "Safety" and "Knowing your District." This photo was taken recently at the top of a stairwell at the Sheraton Commander hotel on Garden Street. This might give one the impression that there is "No Exit to Roof" when in fact, this is the **ONLY** stairwell out of three that has access to the roof! This sign was not meant for us, but rather patrons and guests of the hotel. The only way we would know that is by getting out and looking around our buildings and being familiar with them!



Photo by H. Smith

### **Did We Mention...**

It's always good to hear from our CFD retirees, but even better when they chime in and "fill in the blanks" when it comes to items in the Company Journal. We do the best we can identifying these photos, but can always use more help! We heard from **Richard "Tinker" Shea (Ladder No. 2 - Retired)** who provided some information about the MVA photo submitted by DFC John O'Donoghue in the last issue. Tinker said: "*Regarding the MVA photo, in From the Archives, "Mass Av @ Rte 16", the unknown CPD Sergeant was/is Sgt. Jim Hallice, son of the late CPD Captain Chet Hallice. By now, he is probably retired.*" Also, in the photo Lt. Franny Lawson was identified as being on Engine 9. He was assigned to the Rescue at the time of the photo according to son, **Kevin Lawson (Ladder No. 3)**. Thanks Tinker, great to hear from you!

### **FDNY Probationary FF Thomas A. Wylie Memorial Award**

**Editor Note:** *This medal is endowed by the members of FDNY Ladder Company 18 and awarded annually in honor of their fallen Brother, Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie, who gave his life assisting in the rescue of more than 20 civilians at a fire in Chinatown. The medal is awarded annually to a FDNY Probationary Firefighter who distinguishes himself as Tom did in his brief career. **You don't have to be a "salty Jake" to make a difference!***



**Firefighter Paul R. Torns**  
**Ladder Company 173**

June 3, 1999, 1855 hours, Box 22-8943,  
150-28 127th Street, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 16, 1999. Assigned to Ladder 173 and Engine 43. Member of the St. George Association, Steuben Association and the Firefighters Motorcycle Club. Resides in Lindenhurst, Long Island.*

After spending 12 weeks in training at the Probationary Firefighters School and then finally being assigned to a company, a typical proby in the FDNY looks forward to getting his feet wet, to face that first true test of his dedication, his baptism by fire. He longs for the opportunity to really prove--both to himself and other FDNY members--that he has what it takes to be a part of the team. He is anxious and eager to have that first "good job" where he feels that he has made a difference and a meaningful contribution to the team effort.

Most probies are broken in easily--a one- or two-room job where a new engine man gets his first chance on the nozzle or maybe a smoky mattress fire where a young can man completes his first primary search. A few may get "the big one" first--a cockloft fire in an H-type building or a high-rise job with the wind blowing the wrong way. Very few--an unlucky few--get the job first. The job that they will remember for the rest of their lives; the job that they wish they could forget.

Upon arrival at Box 8943, Ladder 173 was met with a heavy smoke condition coming from the side entrance of a private dwelling. Probationary FF Paul Torns, Ladder 173's can man, entered the side door with his officer, Captain Vincent Fowler, and Ladder 173's irons man, FF George Triptree, to perform VES (vent, enter and search) in the basement.

Upon reaching the base of the stairs, the forcible entry team encountered high heat, zero visibility and a Collyer's mansion-type condition in the basement. The forcible entry team proceeded to search through the clutter as they worked toward the rear of the basement, looking for victims and the seat of the fire. The volume of rubbish, household supplies and furniture that they encountered impeded their efforts and slowed their progress.

Engine 331 had followed the forcible entry team into the basement with a charged 13/4-inch

hand-line. Following Captain Fowler's directions, the engine company traced the forcible entry team's path toward the rear of the basement in search of the main body of fire. However, the entrance to the utility room that contained the main body of fire was obstructed by the contents of the basement. The only fire that the engine company was able to hit with their hose-stream was the rollover of burning gases at the ceiling level.

Captain Fowler, realizing that several members' Vibralerts now were activated and that the initial attack had not penetrated to the main body of fire, ordered both companies to withdraw from the basement. Captain Fowler called FF Torns to his side to ensure that the proby was safe and the two men took their positions at the rear of the withdrawing column of firefighters.

-Excerpted from the FDNY Medal Day booklet, 1999

**Cambridge Auxiliary Fire Department –** Unfortunately, we were unable to get additional Bio's from the Cambridge Auxiliary members for the time being. We will proceed in covering the Auxiliary department in the next few issues of the Company Journal with a "Where are They Now" feature. Many members that served with the Cambridge Auxiliary Fire Department in the past have gone on to remain involved in the fire service both locally and abroad. Stay tuned!

### **Of Interest...**

A former piece of Cambridge apparatus is getting a new life as Wellesley Engine 2. The former Engine 5 (and later Engine 11), a 1991 Pierce is seen here photographed in Wellesley. Thanks to Captain Mark Roche (Newton FD) for the photo!



**Stats and Runs****FY 2013/2014 Incident Totals**

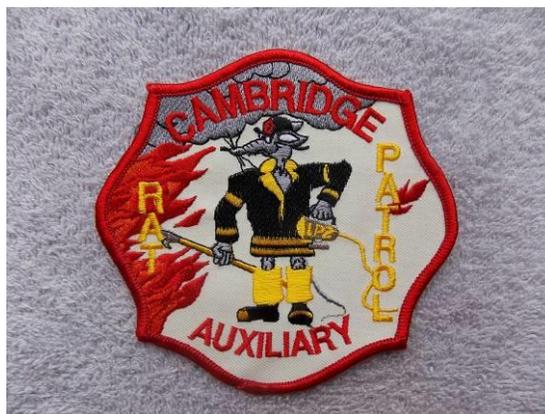
<b>FY 2013/2014 Incident Totals</b>								
	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	SBTTL	TOTAL
Responses	2581	2440	2632				<b>7653</b>	<b>7653</b>
Incidents	1136	1036	1151				<b>3323</b>	<b>3323</b>
Division 1 incidents	654	585	654				<b>1893</b>	<b>1893</b>
Division 2 incidents	482	451	497				<b>1430</b>	<b>1430</b>
Building fires	4	8	11				<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
Inside fires	33	60	82				<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>
All fires	51	78	98				<b>227</b>	<b>227</b>
EMS	475	433	490				<b>1398</b>	<b>1398</b>
Elevator Rescue	16	10	10				<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
Hazardous materials	22	22	17				<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>
CO emerg	4	1	1				<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Electrical hazards	31	24	19				<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>
Malicious false	17	17	14				<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
Malfunction	133	108	138				<b>379</b>	<b>379</b>
Unintentional	148	129	118				<b>395</b>	<b>395</b>
Bomb threats/susp	39	29	23				<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>
Bomb/expl removal							<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Structure collapse	1						<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Total Multiple Alarms		1					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
2nd Alarms		1					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
3rd Alarms							<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
4th Alarms							<b>0</b>	
5th Alarms							<b>0</b>	
Working Fires	1		1				<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
HM Lev 1 "Working"							<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**FY 2013/2014 "Code 111" Building Fire TOTALS**

	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	SBTTL	TOTAL
Engine 1	3	3	7				13	13
Engine 2	1	5	5				11	11
Engine 3	1	2	1				4	4
Engine 4	3	2	4				9	9
Engine 5	1	4	5				10	10
Engine 6	2	5	5				12	12
Engine 8	3	1	4				8	8
Engine 9	1	1	2				4	4
Truck 1	4	5	8				17	17
Truck 2	2	2	3				7	7
Truck 3	1	7	5				13	13
Truck 4	3	2	5				10	10
Rescue 1	4	5	8				17	17
Squad 2	4	4	6				14	14
Squad 4	3	4	6				13	13
Division 1	2	5	7				14	14
Division 2	3	3	6				12	12

**From the Tailboard...**

A couple of items from the past...



Former Cambridge Auxiliary Patch



Cambridge Fire Department City Councilor Badge

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Check out Cambridge Firefighters Local 30's website at <http://www.cambridgelocal30.org/>

Visit the Cambridge Retirement Board website at <http://www.cambridgeretirementma.gov/index.asp>

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SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY, OUR LIBERTY, AND OUR  
FREEDOM.  
THANK OUR VETERANS!**

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**Brothers and Sisters,  
STAY BRAVE!  
STAY VIGILANT!  
STAY SAFE!**